

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting, September 12, 2023

In-person only meeting, Council Office Building Room 114

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Jennifer Collins, Vice Chair/Acting Chair

Susan Beard

Rahul Goel

Mary Ann Keeffe

Staff Members:

Robert Cobb, Staff Director/Chief Counsel

Erin Chu, Program Manager

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Vice Chair/Acting Chair.

Item 2. The Commission approved the minutes from the July 11, 2023, meeting with one minor change.

Item 3. Ethics Education: Mr. Cobb updated the Commission on training activities in July and August.

Item 4. Annual Letter to State Ethics Commission. The Commission discussed the annual certification to the State Ethics Commission to be issued by staff by October 1, 2023.

Item 5. Proposed Change to Lobbying Activity Reporting System. Commission Staff presented a proposed change to the lobbying system with the objective of obtaining greater specificity from lobbyists in the identification of the matters on which lobbyists were lobbying. The Commission approved the change.

Item 6. New Business. There was no new business. The next meeting is October 10.

The open meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm to conduct administrative matters.

In the administrative meeting the Commission decided to issue an advisory opinion and a waiver. The Commission also approved outside employment as recommended, with one addition of a condition to an approval. A Commissioner recused from consideration of one request for outside employment.

The administrative meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Cobb
Staff Director/Chief Counsel